

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 786 - SB 863

March 10, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that offenders' community reentry programs include ability to obtain a 12-month deferral of fines and costs for traffic offenses and a 12-month restricted driver license for work only. The offender must not apply for the 12-month deferral prior to 120 days from the offender's scheduled release from incarceration.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Department of Safety, the Department of Corrections, and the Administrative Office of the Courts all confirm this bill will have no fiscal impact on departmental operations.
- The County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT) reports local courts and criminal court clerks are presently accustomed to helping defendants with payment plans and restricted driver's licenses. In some cases, payment of fines may be delayed longer than what would occur under current law; but in yet some other cases, defendants may be allowed to delay payment pursuant to order by the court. Any net impact to local government is estimated to not significant.
- COAT confirms this bill will have no fiscal impact on local operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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